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LCWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING April 20, 2022

PRESENT: Directors Jim Heim, Todd Fleming, David Cordell, Roxanne Wadman and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, Rebecca Good, Secretary, Beth Dotson, Secretary.

ABSENT: Director Marc Liecthi

Director Wadman called the meeting to order at 2:03PM

<u>AGENDA:</u> A motion was made by Director Heim to accept the agenda as presented. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

VISITORS: Brad Koenig with Robert Peccia and Associates (RPA) and Austin Wargo (RPA)

Brad provided a 20-year growth projection and proposed several options for the District to best handle projected growth along with updating the technology at our treatment facility. The Board discussed all different proposals at length and decided to have Robert Peccia and Associates further explore a couple they felt may best fit the Districts needs.

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</u> The Minutes of the March 15, 2022, Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Heim to accept the minutes as presented. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

<u>FINANCIAL REPORT:</u> The financial reports were presented by General Manager Olson. A motion was made by Director Cordell to approve the financial report. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

BILL APPROVAL: Accounts payable for March 2022 were reviewed, and expenses of note discussed. The credit card statement for March 2022 was also reviewed. A motion was made by Director Heim to approve the bills. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

<u>DELINQUENT REPORT:</u> Progress continues in collecting payment from delinquent accounts.

OLD BUSINESS:

<u>South Eighty Water System Generator:</u> General Manager Olson received notification that natural gas will not be an option for the South Eighty generator. General Manager Olson will further explore diesel and propane options.

<u>Lift Station 12 Upgrade:</u> General Manager Olson provided photos and a recap of the successful upgrade to lift station 12.

<u>ARPA Water:</u> General Manager Olson provided a status update on the status of the second round of ARPA funding. Unfortunately, the District was the 126th qualifier out of 175 applications submitted, so the District will likely not qualify for additional funding unless the allocation qualifications are redetermined.

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<u>New Water:</u> General Manager Olson will begin gathering bids for a new well that the District will need to drill to adhere to DEQ requirements. If the District qualifies for additional ARPA funding in the future those funds will be applied at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

MISCELLANEOUS

Scott Ring won Wastewater Operator of the Year for 2021 at the Montana Rural Water Conference.

Lakeside was entered into the National Drinking Water Contest in Washington D.C. but did not win.

The meeting adjourned at 4:13PM

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Good, Secretary